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## **Kankakee County Man Charged with Distribution of Child Pornography**

Urbana, IL— The United States Attorney for the Central District of Illinois, Rodger A. Heaton, announced today that a federal grand jury returned an indictment charging Brian Walsh, age 26, 4454 West 5000 South Road, Kankakee, Illinois with distribution and possession of child pornography.

The indictment alleges that Walsh used a computer at his residence to access the Internet, which he used to both distribute and receive child pornography online. The indictment alleges that, on October 27, 2004, the defendant distributed child pornography online, and that by March of 2005, Walsh had collected over 400 images of child pornography, some involving images of prepubescent children and some displaying sadistic and masochistic conduct.

Walsh will be issued a summons to appear in federal court in Urbana for arraignment at a later date. If convicted of the distribution of child pornography, Walsh faces a mandatory minimum statutory sentence of five years imprisonment up to a maximum penalty of 20 years imprisonment and a fine of \$250,000.

The charges are the result of an investigation by the Federal Bureau of Investigation. The case is being prosecuted by Eugene L. Miller, Assistant U.S. Attorney, of the Urbana division.

Members of the public are reminded that an indictment is merely an accusation; the defendant is presumed innocent unless proven guilty.

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